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## NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 6/8/64

WEATHER Scattered light showers fell across the State on Monday. Shower activity on Wednesday and Thursday brought amounts averaging from 1/2 inch to an inch in the Panhandle and 3/4 inch to 1 1/2 inches across the south. Precipitation was less than a quarter of an inch in most of the central and north.

Temperatures ranged from near normal in the Panhandle to 4 to 6 degrees below normal in the east. Very cool weather prevailed early in the week, with temperatures 10 to 15 degrees below normal. Readings were in the 30s and low 40s on Tuesday morning with scattered frosts. Below freezing temperatures reported at scattered areas from the Panhandle, through the north central and central regions as far southeast as Lexington. It was cool again Thursday afternoon and Friday morning but by Sunday temperatures were well above normal.

CROPS The effects of low soil moisture supplies are appearing in the northeast and north-central areas. Rains in the south central area brought some relief from the dry growing conditions that existed there. In numerous late planted fields in the northeast, seeds are lying in dry soil and will not germinate until moisture is received. Irrigation pumps have started and are supplying much needed water to crops. Frost occurred in scattered areas over much of the State early last week. The effect of this frost on crops is not fully known but it appears that the damage was light and that most plants are recovering.

Winter wheat is beginning to turn in the southeast. In the central, south central and southwest, heads are filling. Rainfall received in those areas last week aided the filling process. The oats crop continued to deteriorate because of dry conditions. Firing was noted in some fields. Many stands are rather thin and the stems are shorter than usual.

Corn planting is practically completed in the State. Most of the planting done last week was replanting thin or washed out stands. Heavy rains had made replanting necessary in the extreme east. "Cut worm" damage has been severe during the cool weather requiring replanting in a number of counties. Slightly more than 80 percent of both the sorghum and soybean planting has been completed which is near normal for this date. Planting of dry beans and potatoes continues in the northwest.

Harvest of first cutting of alfalfa made good progress during the week. In the northwest frost damage required cutting the crop earlier than usual and yields are light. Yields tended to be low in other areas as the lack of soil moisture had hindered plant development. Many pastures and ranges remain dry and grasses are short. Growth of wild hay has been retarded and it appears that the crop will be light.

LIVESTOCK In the west, marketing of spring lambs continues. Stock cattle are generally doing well despite the short pasture feed. Young calves, lambs and pigs remain in good healthy condition.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 8, 1964

East		<u>Central</u>	•	West	
Grand Island	.97	Burwell	.12	Chadron	.85
Lincoln	.11	North Platte	.71	Imperial	1.09
Norfolk	.03	Valentine	.48	Scottsbluff	.36
Omaha	.02	•		Sidney	.29
Sioux City	.12	,			7
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Precipitation, April 1 - June 8, 1964

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Total since April 1	5.07	5.42	7.16	4.56	8.37	5.60	4.07	6.90
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